

1 AN ACT concerning a statewide advisory referendum on the  
2 State budget crisis.

3 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
4 represented in the General Assembly:

5 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
6 State Budget Crisis Referendum Act.

7 Section 5. Purpose. Illinois, as almost all other  
8 states, is currently experiencing a State budget crisis. At  
9 the same time, however, Illinois enjoys relatively modest  
10 rates of State income tax: 3% on individuals, estates, and  
11 trusts and 4.8% on corporations. The purpose of this Act is  
12 to seek the advice of the voters as to whether a temporary  
13 increase in the State income tax is warranted to help solve  
14 this crisis.

15 Section 10. Budget crisis advisory questions. The  
16 following advisory questions shall be submitted to the voters  
17 of the entire State at the 2004 general primary election:

18 (1) Should the General Assembly and the Governor  
19 temporarily increase the Illinois income tax to help  
20 solve the current State budget crisis and avoid drastic  
21 cuts in State support for public education and essential  
22 health care services?

23 (2) Should this temporary increase be limited to no  
24 more than 2 tax years?

25 (3) Should this temporary increase be limited to  
26 increasing the rate of tax for individuals, trusts, and  
27 estates by no more than one percentage point and the rate  
28 for corporations by no more than one and six-tenths of a  
29 percentage point?

30 All of these 3 questions shall be placed on a single,

1 separate ballot. The votes on each question shall be recorded  
2 as "Yes" or "No".

3 Section 15. Certification. The State Board of Elections  
4 shall immediately certify the questions to be submitted to  
5 the voters of the entire State under Section 10 to the  
6 respective county clerks and to the board of election  
7 commissioners, if any, in their respective counties.

8 Section 20. Conflicts. If any provision of this Act  
9 conflicts with any other law, this Act controls.

10 Section 90. Repeal. This Act is repealed on July 1,  
11 2004.

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
13 becoming law.